

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
October 7th, 2014--5:30pm
Final Approved Minutes**

Present: Chairman Marty Shane, Vice-Chairman Senya D. Isayeff, and Supervisors Carmen Battavio, Chuck Proctor, and Janet Emanuel, and Township Manager, Rick Smith. Also present when the meeting re-adjourned at 7:00pm were CFO Jon Altshul and ABC member Erich Meyer (Conservancy Board).

Meeting with Thomas J. Comitta, TCA

Tom began by informing the Board that he had several overarching questions about the East Goshen Township Comprehensive Plan.

In order to not get overpowered by the Chester County Planning Commission, Tom would like Rick to go with him to the meeting with the County. Rick agreed to accompany Tom to the meeting. Marty does not expect any problems. Carmen noted that it would be prudent for Rick to go to the first meeting in case Tom is asked about past work on the Comp Plan.

Tom informed the Board that he had read the entire 2005 Comp Plan, and showed the Board an example of what he envisions our 2015 Comp Plan to look like. He told the Board that adding graphics can help the reader to fully understand the scope of the statements being made. The Comp Plan would have the text--the goals, objectives, and strategies on the left side, and graphics illustrating the ideas on the right. He notes that this is just a possibility, and he is open to any parameters the Board may want to put on the Comp Plan presentation.

Tom said that much of the information in the 2005 plan is good information. He could use the 2005 Comp Plan to keep what is crucial, scratch what is unnecessary, and add any new agenda items for the Township. He would also take what is best from any work done in the last eighteen months.

Marty informed Tom that the new Comp Plan can be new and different and that he should not feel constrained by the format of the 2005 Comp Plan. He added that he likes the idea of centering the plan around goals, objectives, and strategies. Tom will take that into account, and merge the Board's vision with his own.

The Board agreed with the concept of adding graphics to the new Comp Plan. Tom and Rick will meet with the Chester County Planning Commission to develop the scope of work. Tom will then prepare a proposal for the Board to consider.

Tom's next concern was the budget for the project. He wanted to know the scope of the finances in order to determine the scope of his project. Senya liked Tom's idea of

capturing the essence of the Plan and leaving out the minute details. Tom's first thought was whether he could complete the plan at no cost to the Township by obtaining grants. He could also have two meetings, one with the residents and one with leaders in the business community and ask if they were willing to contribute. Marty thought it was not a good idea, because the Township is not asking the business community to raise money. Carmen agreed that certain foundations could offset some of the county responsibility with grants. Marty added that the County was prepared to reimburse us at a 60/40 ratio. Rick added that the County was being very generous, and the Board agreed.

Tom asked the Board about the purpose of the Comp Plan. Marty answered that it would enable the ABCs to know what they should be focused on. The ABCs would focus on what they could do to implement the Comp Plan.

Tom suggested that he come up with six to eight of the most important items to concentrate on; for example, a Town Center or the revitalization of Paoli Pike. Senya added that many things are completed in the 2005 Comp Plan, and since we are built out, there is little left to do. He reminded Tom of the Township's basic concerns—to serve, preserve, and protect our community. Tom brought out a map that shows possible areas for re-development and suggested that we concentrate effort on these areas. Marty asked the Board if they thought we could think about building higher on West Chester Pike, and the Board agreed. Senya added that there is some possibility of re-building in the Hershey's Mill area. Marty brought up the work on the County-wide trail system and that we are trying to be one of the first to build our trails by working on the Paoli Pike corridor.

Rick told Tom that we need a proposal and suggested that Tom submit a proposal at the 10/14 BOS meeting and that the Board could pursue an amendment at the 10/21 BOS meeting. Rick suggested that the Supervisors put a copy of the Comp Plan in their notebooks, so that they could easily refer to it when making decisions. Janet noted that we can accept the proposal, make the amendment, and any the Comp Plan could be amended after adoption..

The Board adjourned at 6:20 to meet in executive session to interview two candidates for the Conservancy Board.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Marty called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and asked *resident Mike Rook* to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Carmen called for a moment of silence to honor the troops and all those in uniform.

Recording of Meeting

No one indicated they would be recording the meeting.

Chairman's Report

The Board met in Executive Session from 6:20 to 7:00 for ABC interviews.

Marty asked if everyone knew about the new 35 mph speed limit from Line Rd. to Rt. 352. He announced that PennDot has more recently authorized the Board to lower the speed limit to 35 mph from Rt. 352 to Airport Road as well, making the speed limit 35 mph for all of Paoli Pike in East Goshen.

Marty announced that on October 11-12, an air show will be held at the Brandywine Airport. A segment of the air show will involve re-enactors firing blanks, using smoke grenades, flash bangs, etc. The organizer of the event, David Schultz, has been notifying law enforcement agencies in and around the impacted area and wanted WEGO to know in case there were calls from concerned citizens. The air show will run all day but re-enactments should occur primarily between 3:00 and 3:30.

The Board acknowledged a gift of a pen and ink sketch of the Blacksmith Shop from Gale and Paul Stimmler to the Friends of East Goshen.

Consider Alexander's Stormwater Matter

The Board received a report from Nathan Cline, Township Engineer, that showed 55 acres of land drain into Dave and Gwenne Alexander's property at 1408 Grand Oak Lane. The report showed that installing extra inlets and installing curbing along the Aqua driveway would help the Alexanders with smaller storms, but not with larger storms. Rick said that Nate questioned whether or not these changes would affect *resident Mike Rook's, 711 Red Maple Dr.*, property negatively. Upon investigation, Pennoni decided that the inlets and curbing would not negatively affect Mr. Rook's property. Mr. Rook has no problem with the inlets, but he expressed concern that building up curbing will create a dam which will spill onto his property and eventually flood his basement. Carmen wanted to be sure that, during normal events, by making these changes to help the Alexanders' stormwater issue, we did not create a new problem at Mr. Rook's property. Rick suggested that we could add the inlets, but not build up the curbing, and see if this helps. Senya noted that by going one step at a time, it might take longer to mitigate the stormwater issue and the Alexanders said they understood.

Resident Gwenne Alexander, 1408 Grand Oak Lane, explained that they had a dry backyard for 30 years and it seemed that when Aqua took down trees, the stormwater issue began. She would like the Board to ask Aqua if it could plant trees and shrubs again, as they help to soak up water. Senya asked Mrs. Alexander how many trees had been removed, and she replied about 8. He thinks it is a good idea for the Board to ask Aqua if they could re-plant trees and shrubs in that area. Mr. Rook agreed with Mrs. Alexander, that when Aqua cut down the trees the stormwater issue was exacerbated.

Marty explained that in the larger storms, the 50- to 100-year storms, stormwater will still be an issue, but that these are rare storms. He suggested that Pennoni go ahead with the plan to install the additional inlets, but not install curbing, so as to let more water drain, but not to build a dam.

Senya made a motion to install an additional inlet adjacent to the existing inlet located south of the Aqua driveway on Red Maple Drive, and install an additional inlet adjacent to the inlet located in the rear of 708 Red Maple Drive, but not install topsoil and/or an asphalt curb along the existing gutter curb at and north of the existing Aqua driveway. The Board will ask Aqua to plant trees and shrubs, and the Township Engineer will shoot Mr. Rook's property in terms of the street to determine the difference in elevation.

Chuck seconded the motion.

The Board voted to approve the motion unanimously.

Consider Wind Generated Energy Systems/Windmills Ordinance

Currently, the Zoning Ordinance permits Wind Energy Generation Systems as accessory uses in the:

1. R-3 (Medium Density Suburban Residential)
2. R-4 (High Density Suburban Residential)
3. I-1 (Light Industrial Districts)

Rick noted that the Planning Commission had recommended that the Township allow wind energy systems in all districts, as an accessory use. He referenced a sketch of the size standards the wind energy systems must comply with, for safety reasons.

Janet does not agree with allowing wind energy systems in all districts. She says that they are noisy, and would detract from the aesthetics of residential areas. Rick replied that the noise ordinance would apply. Senya added that windmills would not generally work in this area when built at a safe size. Mr. Rook added that he has experienced windmills and that they are loud and unsightly. Marty suggested we check with other townships and see what they are doing about wind generated energy systems. Carmen agreed with Janet, that windmills should not be in residential areas until the technology is better developed. The windmills would have to be built at least higher than any trees in order to catch the wind in any appreciable manner. Janet added that we can amend the Ordinance in 5-10 years if the technology gets better. Senya commented that using wind generated energy systems and other alternative energy systems helps to free us from dependence on oil producers. Rick took away that the Board does not agree with the recommendation to allow wind energy systems in all districts.

Consider Next Step in Hershey Mill Dam Project

Marty gave a short summary of the Hershey Mill Dam Project, and presented Rick's estimate from EB Walsh for the work to be funded by the Friends of the Hershey Mill Dam. To rehabilitate the dam without dredging would cost \$284,570, and to rehabilitate and dredge the dam would cost \$342,120. He also noted that the Township has spent \$126,000 so far which should be figured into the cost. These funds would need to be raised by the end of 2015.

Neil DeReimer, representative of the Friends of the Hershey's Mill Dam thinks these numbers are unreasonably high. He questioned the inspection fee. Rick replied that inspection costs typically run 10% of the construction cost and that EB Walsh must inspect the construction, since they have to sign off on the improvements.

Marty noted that EB Walsh must begin construction by June 30, 2016 due to a Federal permit deadline. Mr. DeReimer questioned whether he could raise \$400,000 or more in 14 months. Senya suggested that if we give the Friends a number, the Township must be prepared to pay the difference if the actual cost exceeds the projected cost. If the Friends raise more money than the actual cost, they would keep the remainder. Rick reiterated that we do not know the final actual cost until the project is complete.

Mr. DeReimer stated that he would have to go back to the rest of the Friends of the Dam Committee with the higher cost estimates to determine if it is possible to raise this much money in a shorter timeline. He will come to the next Board meeting to discuss the matter further.

Consider Bid Results for Milling Machine Rental Bid

Rick opened bids on September 24, 2014 for renting a milling machine. Many bid packages were sent out, and one was received from CC & T, Inc for \$15,000 for a ten day rental. We need the milling machine to mill two neighborhoods prior to re-paving.

Carmen made a motion to accept the bid from CC&T to rent the milling machine for ten days at a cost of \$15,000. Janet seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion unanimously.

Authorize Chairman to Execute Stormwater Agreement for 953 Cornwallis Drive

Senya made a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the stormwater agreement for 953 Cornwallis Dr. Janet seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Consider Goshen Meadows Escrow Release #2

Carmen made a motion to release \$427,167.14 from escrow for Goshen Meadows for the following portions: Site prep, erosion controls, earthwork, storm sewers, stormwater basins, sanitary sewers, water line, parking lot construction and miscellaneous. Senya seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion unanimously.

Any Other Matter

Jon reminded the Board that we have a special meeting on 10/14 to discuss the budget.

Carmen moved that we appoint John Scheidt, 1309 Amstel Way, and Patti Brown, 1719 Hibberd Lane, to the Conservancy Board. Chuck seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Senya informed the Board that the Brandywine Conservancy is asking townships to write a letter to their House Representative opposing House Bill 1565. Rick said they are

adding a section to the law, and Senya explained that, in his opinion, the bill would take away protections for riparian buffers.

Senya made a motion to oppose House Bill 1565, and to send a letter to Senator Pileggi stating our opposition, much like the form letter he read to the Board. Carmen seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion unanimously.

Rick stated that the Board has received a preliminary budget for WEGO, and that the Township Managers and Police Finance Group is reviewing it. Chuck said the proposed budget was developed with an 8-hour schedule in mind. Kathy Brill developed a budget with a 12-hour schedule and found very little difference in total expenditure next year. However, concern was raised that the cost of a 12-hour schedule would rise sharply in out-years as the new full-time officers needed for 12-hour shifts received increased salary progress up the salary range..

Resident Virginia Newlin, Devon Ln, announced that there will be another poetry reading on Thursday, October 23, from 5:00 to 6:30.

Review of Minutes and Corrected

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of September 2. The minutes stand approved as corrected.

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of September 16. The minutes stand approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

See attached Treasurer's Report. The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report and the current invoices. Carmen moved to graciously accept the Treasurer's Report and the Expenditure Register Report as recommended by the Treasurer, to accept the receipts and to authorize payment of the invoices just reviewed. Senya seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and no public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Review Action List

Comprehensive Plan

The Board is working with CCPC and Tom Comitta to revise the scope of work for the Vision Partnership Program.

Open Space Plan

The staff is reviewing the draft plan.

Hershey's Mill Dam

Rick obtained cost estimates. The matter was discussed this evening in greater detail.

Correspondence, Reports of Interest

The Board acknowledged the receipt of the quarterly Right-To-Know Report.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Executive Session

The Board met in executive session from 8:30-9:15 to discuss a legal matter.

Pam Pastorino

Recording Secretary

Attachments: Treasurer's Report

October 2, 2014

**TREASURER'S REPORT
2014 RECEIPTS AND BILLS**

GENERAL FUND			
		Accounts Payable	\$370,297.43
Real Estate Tax	\$3,268.46	<u>Electronic Pmts:</u>	
Earned Income Tax	\$32,100.00	Health Insurance	\$41,912.46
Local Service Tax	\$0.00	Credit Card	\$970.75
Transfer Tax	\$59,535.49	Postage	\$0.00
<i>General Fund Interest Earned</i>	\$636.74	Debt Service	\$0.00
Total Other Revenue	\$399,297.76	Payroll	\$137,148.22
Total Receipts:	\$494,838.45	Total Expenditures:	\$550,328.86
STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00		
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$52.35		
Total State Liquid Fuels:	\$52.35	Expenditures:	\$0.00
SINKING FUND			
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$402.49	Expenditures:	\$13,603.39
TRANSPORTATION FUND			
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$189.92	Expenditures:	\$0.00
SEWER OPERATING FUND			
Receipts	\$102,593.95	Accounts Payable	\$131,644.30
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$60.78	Debt Service	\$0.00
Total Sewer:	\$102,654.73	Credit Card	\$0.00
		Total Expenditures:	\$131,644.30
REFUSE FUND			
Receipts	\$30,727.01		
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$22.64		
Total Refuse:	\$30,749.65	Expenditures	\$35,896.09
SEWER SINKING FUND			
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$211.16	Expenditures	\$0.00
OPERATING RESERVE FUND			
Receipts	\$123.41	Expenditures	\$0.00
Events Fund			
Receipts	\$0.55	Expenditures	\$0.00